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### Authority in Religion.

*Reason and Authority in Religion.* By J. MacBride Sterrett, D. D. New York: Whittaker. Pp. xiii., 184. Price, \$1.00.

The burning question of the present hour may be said to be, What is the authority in Religion? Is it Reason or Scripture or the Church? This is the subject of Dr. Sterrett's volume which in part takes the form of criticism of the two famous books "*Lux Mundi*" and Martineau's "*Seat of Authority in Religion*." The latter work is keenly dissected and its "bald individualism" contrasted with the recognition by the writers of "*Lux Mundi*" of the history of the truth and the argument therefrom. This criticism is preceded by a philosophical discussion of the ground of certitude in Religion. The book is stimulating though its conclusions are indefinite.

### Pulpit Commentary: Thessalonians, Philemon, Pastoral Epistles.

*The Pulpit Commentary. 1 and 2 Thessalonians.* Exposition and Homiletics, by Rev. P. J. Gloag, D. D. *1 and 2 Timothy and Titus.* Exposition and Homiletics, by the Rt. Hon. and Rt. Rev. Lord A. C. Hervey, D. D. *Philemon.* Exposition and Homiletics by Rev. S. J. Eales. New York: A. D. F. Randolph and Co. Price \$2.00

Dr. Gloag's Thessalonians is quite an elaborate commentary and in his solid and sensible style. It contains an "excursus" on the "Man of Sin" covering a dozen pages. The Bishop of Bath and Wells is a conservative and devout scholar who has manifested his spirit and method in a careful introduction to the Pastoral epistles, defending their Pauline authorship. It occupies twenty-four pages. The work on Philemon calls for no special remark. It is very brief and along the usual lines. The volume as a whole is excellent.

### The Apostolic Age.

*Dangers of the Apostolic Age.* By the Right Rev. James Moorhouse, D. D., Bishop of Manchester. New York: Thomas Whittaker. Pp. 225.

The two characteristics which make this book of Bishop Moorhouse more than ordinarily instructive and interesting are (1) a knowledge and use of the most recent literature bearing on his subject, and (2) a vivid and strong apprehension of the permanent bearings of the experiences and teachings which the New Testament records. He finds three great experiences of danger and trial in New Testament times which he entitles "the Galatian lapse," "the Colossian heresy," and "the Hebrew Apostasy." The book, therefore, is an exposition and application of the central ideas of three great writings of the New Testament, Galatians, Colossians and Hebrews. The work is done admirably. The wide range of the writer's horizon is seen in the fact that he embraces in the discussion of his first theme an examination of the pessimistic philosophy of Von Hartmann and Schopenhauer; in his second he reviews Mill's arguments relative to the existence of evil in God's universe and in the third he presents the subject of sacrifice from the point of view of Prof. Robertson Smith's theories of Semitic religion contained in his recent book "*The Religion of the Semites*." This element makes Bishop Moorhouse's work of lasting value both because of its contents and because of its scope and method. It shows how a careful study will find fruitful connections between the great religious prob-